

(see above), by unanimous consent, Senator Burns offered the following Senate Concurrent Resolution No. . . . :

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that twelve rooms in the new wing of the State asylum, situated at San Antonio, be and the same are hereby set apart for the custody and safe keeping of the unfortunates of the "County Executive Committee" of Galveston, it being important that said unfortunates receive prompt, careful and intelligent treatment with the hope that their mental functions may be partially restored.

Senator Linn made the point of order against the resolution that it was not in order, for the reason that it was not referable to any committee of the Senate, and the further reason that the Senate *could not presume any one to be crazy*.

Sustained.

At this point Senator Patterson moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Senator Sebastian moved to adjourn until 3 p. m. today.

The Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Goss.	Ross.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Morriss.	Yett.

Nays—12.

Atlee.	Linn.
Gough.	Lloyd.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Turney.

Absent.

Miller.

FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Thursday, March 23, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
President Pro Tem. Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Gough.
Burns.	Greer.
Davidson.	Grinnan.
Dibrell.	Hanger.
Goss.	James.

Johnson.	Potter.
Kerr.	Ross.
Linn.	Sebastian.
Lloyd.	Stafford.
McGee.	Stone.
Miller.	Terrell.
Morriss.	Turney.
Neal.	Wayland.
Odell.	Yantis.
Patterson.	Yett.

Absent.

Lewis.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

Senator Yett moved that the same be dispensed with.

Lost.

Pending the further reading of the Journal,

Senator Sebastian moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to dispense with the same.

Reconsidered.

The motion to dispense with the further reading of the Journal then prevailed.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, Senator Miller was excused for non-attendance on yesterday on account of sickness in his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 124, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Articles 5001a and 5001b, providing for elections in a county or subdivision of a county to determine whether hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large in such county or subdivision,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 530, being a bill to be

entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 12, of Title XVII, Revised Criminal Code of Procedure, so as to place Bowie county under the provisions of this chapter, relating to the recovery of stolen animals, and the detection and punishment of thieves, and creating an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 267, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 5, Title CII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1895, by adding thereto Articles 5001a and 5001b, providing for elections in a county or subdivision of a county to determine whether hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large in such county or subdivision,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, for the reason that House bill No. 124 on the same subject is reported favorably.

WAYLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 273, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled 'An Act to incorporate the city of Paris, and to prescribe its duties and liabilities,' adopted by the Twenty-first Legislature of Texas, and approved March 27, 1889, by amending Section 4 of said act so as to make all officers created by said act elective by the qualified voters of said city,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 195, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to grant relief to cer-

tain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-96 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services as teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority of the committee to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying committee substitute do pass.

GOSS, Chairman.

Senate Substitute Bill No. 195, a bill to be entitled "An Act to grant relief to certain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-96 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services of teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the Comptroller of said State be authorized, and he is hereby directed to draw warrants on the State treasury of the said State, to be paid out of the general revenue fund, in favor of the legal holders of the school vouchers yet unpaid, issued for the school year of 1895-96 to the school teachers who taught in Greer county during said school year, for services rendered before the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma.

The names of the teachers, and the aggregate amount of the vouchers issued to each and still unpaid, are as follows:

Names.	Amounts.
A. W. Putman.....	\$ 180 90
Miss Chas. Meacham.....	84 20
W. B. Stovall.....	56 75
K. C. Cox.....	117 50
E. Millwee.....	84 31
A. J. Edwards.....	137 85
S. D. Sturat.....	143 25
T. A. Putman.....	56 60
Mrs. M. C. Shadden.....	5 00
J. C. Webb.....	70 80
Miss Lillie French.....	44 20
T. E. Jones.....	91 25
R. T. Edwards.....	23 60
Lee Steele.....	123 00
Miss Mollie Adams.....	79 11

Miss Lida May Pennell.....	122	50
Miss Mrytle Radford.....	47	60
Mrs. M. B. Glenn.....	70	00
V. B. Smith.....	173	45
Miss Lulu Statterfield.....	122	00
W. D. Hughes.....	96	00
Miss Frankie Edwards.....	20	00
G. R. Goodner.....	78	00
Miss Anna Kennedy.....	80	60
Mrs. Ethelda Drew.....	98	30
A. A. Hussey.....	86	75
Miss Laura Canter.....	75	74
Miss Vida Williams.....	17	15
Miss Maude Laird.....	58	75
Miss Ella Allen.....	77	00
J. R. Campbell.....	20	00
Miss Ida Canter.....	80	40
Miss Belle Hudspeth.....	57	20
Miss Martha Steele.....	29	50
Miss Jessie House.....	7	80
Miss Irene James.....	57	30
E. P. Stewart.....	74	25
Miss Etta Beach.....	65	20
Mrs. W. C. Shaddon.....	103	30
H. H. Terry.....	106	74
Miss Mollie Jones.....	91	80
T. E. Jones.....	91	65
J. R. Bryce.....	92	50
Miss Hattie Edwards.....	85	00
Mrs. E. W. Trigg.....	72	61
Miss Bessie Kennedy.....	58	00
Miss Clara Smith.....	37	00
Mrs. Alice Godley.....	16	95
Mrs. M. F. Glenn.....	70	00
Miss Mamie Gardner.....	96	35
Miss J. H. Whitesides.....	106	15
Mrs. E. E. Trigg.....	93	80
Mrs. Vida Williams.....	33	20
W. D. Ballard.....	44	00
Miss Cora A. Hussey.....	30	00

Total\$4143 86

The amount of money apportioned by the State of Texas to said Greer county for said school year and not paid to the teachers of said county, being \$4001.00, which is only about 96½ per cent. of the aggregate amount of said vouchers, the Comptroller in drawing his warrants, shall draw them for only 96½ per cent. of said vouchers, and not for the full amount. Upon the presentation of any of the said vouchers drawn and approved as required by law, at the date of their issuance to the Comptroller of the State of Texas, he shall draw his warrant upon the treasury of said State in favor of the legal holder thereof for said 96½ per cent. of the amount of said voucher, and the acceptance of said warrant by the holder of the voucher shall be a full discharge of all claims against the State of Texas on said vouchers.

Sec. 2. The fact that the persons herein named rendered service as teachers in the public schools, while Greer county

was a part of the State of Texas, and that the money herein directed to be paid them is now and has long since been due, and the crowded condition of the calendar, rendering it improbable that this bill can be read on three several days, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 195, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to grant relief to certain teachers who taught during the school year of 1895-96 in Greer county, which was then considered a portion of the State of Texas, the said services as teachers terminating with the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring the county of Greer from the State of Texas, and making it a part of the Territory of Oklahoma,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend that it do not pass, because a similar bill was vetoed by Governor Culberson, and because we do not believe the State liable for the claim.

MORRIS,
POTTER.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Substitute House bill Nos. 275 and 313, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 3892, 3893 and 3894, Chapter 6, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the duties and extending the powers of the Board of Education, in the investment of the permanent public free school fund, and adding thereto Articles 3891a and 3894a, giving the State Board of Education an option of ten days on county bonds and on the bonds of incorporated cities, and providing that when a premium is paid for bonds, the Board of Education shall refund the same,"

Have had the same under considera-

tion, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 276, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4002, Chapter 15, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1895, with reference to the collection of taxes in independent school districts incorporated for free school purposes only,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

MAJORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 238, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 14, of Chapter 164, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to a uniform system of text-books, adding thereto additional branches of study, and making the same apply to cities of more than ten thousand inhabitants,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority of the committee to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOSS, Chairman.

MINORITY REPORT.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: We, a minority of your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 238, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 14, of Chapter 164, of the Acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, relating to a uniform system of text-books, adding thereto additional branches of study, and making the same apply to cities of more than ten thousand inhabitants,"

Have had the same under consideration—

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tion, and beg leave to recommend that it *do not pass*.

LINN,
HANGER.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 282, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate \$100,000 to pay the officers and men of the Texas Volunteers prior to the mustering into the service of the United States in the late war with Spain; to pay those who were rejected; to pay for the necessary supplies, subsistence, transportation, prior to their being mustered into service; to authorize the Governor to collect from the United States all monies expended under this act,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

GOUGH, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 243, being a bill to be entitled "An Act validating and incorporating for school purposes only of Victoria independent school district, an independent incorporated public school district heretofore incorporated in Victoria county, including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town or city of Victoria; adding to the same certain territory so as to make the same hereafter co-extensive with the ancient and original town tract of Victoria; validating the acts of the board of trustees thereof; authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes; conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same; and further prescribing the duties and authority of said board,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

Floor report, Atlee, Burns, Ross, Stafford, Greer, Miller.

MILLER, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 119, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4368, Chapter 3, Title XCIV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, prescribing the duties of railway companies with respect to their general and public offices, and the residence of their officers, to be kept and maintained within this State,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 21, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 280, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to change and fix the times of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, and to amend an act passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of Texas, being an act entitled 'An Act to change the times of holding courts in the Fifty-fourth Judicial District,' known as House bill No. 167 during its passage,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 283, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 37, of Article 22, Title IV, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, relating to the Thirty-seventh Judicial District Court and the Forty-fifth Judicial District Court of Texas, in Bexar county; prescribing the jurisdiction thereof, fixing the time of holding said courts, providing for the election of the judges thereof, and of the district attorney of the Thirty-seventh Judicial District; and to create the Fifty-seventh Judicial District of the State of Texas, to fix the time of holding court therein, and to prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to provide for the appointment of a district judge of said Fifty-seventh Judicial District; and to prescribe the time

of holding the district courts of Bexar county of the Thirty-seventh Judicial District and the Forty-fifth Judicial District, and to define the jurisdiction thereof, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 22, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 233, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 23, of 'An Act to fix certain civil fees to be charged by certain county and precinct officers, and to fix and limit the fees and compensation of the clerks of the district courts, district attorneys, county attorneys, sheriffs and constables in felony cases, to be paid by the State, and to fix the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of the sheriff, clerk of the county court, county judge, district and county attorney, clerk of the district court, assessor and collector of taxes, justices of the peace and constables, and to prescribe penalties for the violations of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,' approved June 16, 1897, so as to fix and limit the compensation of clerks of the county courts for certain purposes,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

JAMES, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. R. N. Stafford, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 285, being a bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the fees to be charged by the Commissioner of the General Land Office when his depositions, as such commissioner, are taken,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it *do pass*.

POTTER, Chairman.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Burns:

Senate bill No. 286, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix and define the limitation of time wherein suits for taxes may be brought, and to declare that taxes for the recovery of which suit is not brought within such time shall be conclusively presumed to have been paid, and to forbid any action therefor, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Burns (by request):

Senate bill No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 13, Title LXXXVI, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas by adding thereto Article 3978a, relating to teachers' certificates."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Yett:

Senate bill No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin a block of land within said city for public free school purposes."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Senator Johnson:

Senate bill No. 289, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate kindergarten education in the public free school system of the State of Texas, and to provide for its support."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Patterson:

Resolved, That the committee created for the purpose of visiting the Reformatory at Gatesville and investigating conditions there be continued in service, and they are hereby instructed to take further testimony and hear the defense of any parties connected with said institution, and report on the same, together with the testimony taken.

The resolution was read, and adopted. Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following message from the House was received:

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.
Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Senate bill No. 160, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642, of the

Revised Civil Statutes, and to add thereto Section 57, regarding the purposes for which private corporations may be created, so as to authorize the organization of cotton exchanges, chambers of commerce and boards of trade."

Also Senate bill No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the lease of any railroad connecting at the State line not exceeding thirty miles in length, by any railroad company so connecting with same."

Also House bill No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the running of stock at large in Cooke county, Texas, or any subdivision of said county."

Also Senate bill No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of Chapter 153, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trot line; and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,' and to exempt the counties of Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto from the provisions of said chapter (with amendments)."

Also House bill No. 743, A bill to be entitled "An Act to name the several counties composing the Fifty-first and Thirty-third Judicial Districts, and to fix the time of holding the district courts therein, and to attach the unorganized county of Schleicher to the county of Menard until its organization, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

IN SENATE.

The above reported House bills were read first time, and referred as follows:

House bill No. 743 to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 595 to the Committee on Stock and Stock-raising.

REGULAR ORDER.

The Chaid laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3909a, Title VII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, relating to the courses of study taught in the public schools of Texas, so as to hereafter read as follows," which on yesterday went to

the table on a call of the Senate, the question being, "shall the main question now be put?"

Senator Ross moved a call of the Senate, which was duly seconded and ordered, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Terrell.
Lewis.	

(Senator Turney in the chair.)

Senator Davidson moved that consideration of the bill be postponed to Wednesday next at 10 a. m.

Senator Gough made the point of order against the motion to postpone that same was not in order, for the reason that a motion for the previous question having been duly seconded, and the Senate placed under call on said motion, the bill went to the table, and no further motion as to the bill could be entertained till it properly came up from the table.

Sustained.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 233, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit railroad companies, their officers, agents and employes from making excessive charges for carrying and transporting freights, goods, wares and merchandise, and to require said companies, their officers, agents and employes to deliver freight, goods, wares and merchandise on the payment of the freight charges due as shown by the bill of lading, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act," action being on the following amendment by Senator Burns:

"Amend by adding to Section 3 the following: 'Provided, this act shall not apply to interstate shipments.'"

The amendment was lost.

The bill was then passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Hanger, the con-

stitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Stone.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis..
Miller.	Yett.

Nays—1.

Burns.

Absent.

Goss.	Lewis.
Johnson.	Terrell.

(President Pro Tem Stafford in the chair.)

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Nays—4.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Burns.	Neal.

Absent.

Goss.	Ross.
Lewis.	Terrell.
Morriss.	

Senator Hanger moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the County Court of San Saba county, to conform the jurisdiction of the district court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act known as Senate bill No. 236, Chapter 57, of the General Laws, passed at the Regular Session of the twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, regulating the time of holding the district courts in Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties, so as to reduce the terms in Tyler and Newton counties, and to extend the terms in Jefferson county."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Greer:

"Strike out the caption, after the word 'entitled,' and insert in lieu thereof the following, 'An Act to regulate the terms and fix the times for holding the the district courts in the First Judicial of Texas, composed of Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Tyler counties so as to change the terms in Tyler and Jefferson counties.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Strike out on page 1, lines 22, 23, 24 and 25, being that part of bill now called Section 1, and then strike out in line 26, page 1, the words and figures, 'Article 22, Section 1,' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'Section 1.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend by striking out, on page 1, line 32, the word 'two' and insert the word 'three.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend page 2, line 1, by striking out the word 'fifth' and insert the word 'sixth.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Greer:

"Amend by striking out on page 2, from line 2, to and including the word 'week,' in line 8, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"In the county of Tyler on the eleventh Monday after the first Mondays in March and September, and may continue in session three weeks.

"In the county of Jefferson on the fourteenth Monday after the first Mondays in March and September, and may continue in session until the business is disposed of."

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Greer, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and

the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Burns.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Kerr.
Davidson.	Lewis.
Goss.	Terrell.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.
Miller.	

Absent.

Davidson.	Lewis.
Goss.	Terrell.
Kerr.	

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 444, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and create a more efficient system of public roads and bridges for Liberty county, for the issuance of bonds for said county, for the purpose of constructing permanent public roads; to authorize the investment of the permanent school fund of the State and of said county in such bonds; to provide for and limit the expenditures of moneys arising from the sale of such bonds; to prescribe and define the powers and duties of the commissioners court in reference thereto, and to validate public roads heretofore laid out and established in said county."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Greer, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Neal.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Linn.	Turney.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Davidson.	Kerr.
Goss.	Lewis.
Grinnan.	Terrell.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Turney.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Davidson.	Patterson.
Goss.	Terrell.
Lewis.	

Senator Greer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Yantis, Senator Turney was excused for the remainder of today, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Atlee, Senator McGee was excused for non-attendance on Monday and Tuesday last, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

House bill No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the drilling, operation and abandonment of petroleum oil, natural gas and mineral water wells, and to prevent certain abuses connected therewith."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Johnson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yett.

Absent.

Dibrell.	Lloyd.
Goss.	Patterson.
Lewis.	Yantis.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Gough.	Patterson.
Greer.	Potter.
Grinnan.	Ross.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
James.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Dibrell.	Lewis.
Goss.	Lloyd.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Senator Johnson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Substitute House bill No. 523, A bill to

be entitled "An Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, ditches and water-courses, for the improvement and enlargement of natural drainage of the several counties within the State of Texas, authorizing commissioners courts to order an election for the purpose of determining upon the levy of a tax for the construction of such ditches, drains and water-courses, and providing for assessment and collection of such tax, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read a second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Linn, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Patterson.
Dibrell.	Potter.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
Johnson.	Stone.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Linn.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Absent.

Goss.	McGee.
Grinnan.	Odell.
James.	Yett.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Miller.
Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Ross.
Greer.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Linn.	Yantis.
Lloyd.	Yett.
McGee.	

Nays—1.

Potter.

Absent.

Goss.	Lewis.
Grinnan.	Odell.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Senator Linn moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Tabled.

(Senator Atlee in the chair.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

House bill No. 710, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bell county, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as such road commissioners, and providing for the working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for commutation of time for good behavior and good service, and providing for a reward to be offered for the recapture of an escaped county convict, and taxing said reward and all actual costs of capture and delivery of said convict against said convict, and providing for a penalty for the escape of a county convict, and providing for the trimming of hedges by the owners of said land, and providing a penalty for failure to trim said hedges, and providing the amount of compensation in road time to be allowed by overseers to road hands for teams, plows, scrapers and wagons, and providing for the condemnation of land for public road purposes, and providing for the working of delinquent poll tax payers on the public roads and relieving them from the performance of said work by the payment of the sum of three dollars, and providing further, making this law cumulative of the general laws, and in case of a conflict this act to govern as to Bell county, Texas."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend by striking out all of Section 13."

Adopted.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend line 31, on page 8, by striking out Section 14 and insert therefor Section 13."

Adopted.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend line 11, on page 9, by striking out Section 15 and inserting therefor Section 14."

Adopted.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend Section 3, on page 3, line 32, by adding after the word 'time' the following: 'Provided, that no such commutation shall in any way affect the fees of the officers in such cases.'"

Adopted.

By Senator Patterson:

"Amend the caption of the bill by striking out all that refers to the trimming of hedges.

Adopted.

The bill as amended was passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Patterson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Kerr.	Wayland.
Lloyd.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Present—Not voting.

McGee.

Absent.

Davidson.	Linn.
Goss.	Neal.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

The bill was read a third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Burns.	Neal.
Davidson.	Odell.
Dibrell.	Patterson.
Gough.	Potter.
Greer.	Ross.
Grinnan.	Sebastian.
Hanger.	Stafford.
James.	Stone.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Goss.	Lewis.
Kerr.	Linn.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Senator Patterson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to lay that motion on the table.

Carried.

Senator Sebastian called up,

Senate bill No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2, of

Chapter 153, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, entitled 'An Act to prohibit the taking of fish from the fresh water lakes and streams of this State otherwise than by means of the ordinary hook and line and trot line, and to prohibit the sale or shipping of game fish in this State, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof,' and to exempt the counties of Stephens, Eastland and Palo Pinto from the provisions of said chapter," which had passed the House with amendments, and moved that the Senate non-concur in said amendments, and that a free conference committee be requested to consider the difference of the two houses on said bill.

Carried.

Senator Wayland moved to adjourn until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	Ross.
Davidson.	Stone.
Dibrell.	Wayland.
Gough.	Yantis.
Johnson.	Yett.

Nays—15.

Greer.	Morriss.
Grinnan.	Odell.
Hanger.	Patterson.
James.	Potter.
Kerr.	Sebastian.
Linn.	Stafford.
McGee.	Terrell.
Miller.	

Absent.

Goss.	Neal.
Lewis.	

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

(President Pro Tem Stafford in the chair.)

BILL SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read,

House bill No. 338, "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson county, Texas, and making county commissioners of said county ex-officio road commissioners, and prescribing their duties as such, and providing for their compensation as road commissioners, and providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and defining the powers and duties of such county commissioners, and providing for the appointment of road overseers and defining

their duties, and for working of county convicts upon the public roads of said county, and providing for officers' fees and rewards for the capture of escaped convicts, and to provide for the manner of training hedges along any public road and to provide for the summoning of teams for road work, and for an allowance of time of road service for same, and fixing a penalty for a violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act."

On motion of Senator Potter, the Senate adjourned until 3 p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

(President Pro Tem Stafford in the chair.)

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Burns.	Morriss.
Davidson.	Neal.
Greer.	Odell.
Goss.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Linn.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	Yett.

Absent.

Atlee.	Johnson.
Dibrell.	Lewis.
Gough.	Stone.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The chair announced the following free conference committee to consider the difference of the two houses on Senate bill No. 130 (see Journal of morning session): Senators Sebastian, Lloyd, McGee, Ross and Linn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 160, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 642, of

the Revised Civil Statutes, and to add thereto Section 57, regarding the purposes for which private corporations may be created, so as to authorize the organization of cotton exchanges, chambers of commerce and boards of trade."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 214, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the lease of any railroad connecting at the State line not exceeding thirty miles in length, by any railroad company so connecting with same,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 94, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to extend the time within which lands heretofore sold or which may be hereafter sold to the State for taxes, under decree of court, under the provisions of Chapter 42, Laws of 1895, and Chapter 103, Laws of 1897, may be redeemed; providing the manner of such redemption, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 116, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 529, 529e, 529l, of Chapter 5, Title XIII, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of

Texas of 1895, and adding thereto Article 529u, and amending Article 529g and 529s, and repealing Subdivision 18 of Article 529g, of Chapter 98, of the General Laws of the State of Texas of 1897, relating to the offenses for the protection of fish, birds and game, and repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 23, 1899.

Hon. Jas. N. Browning, President of the Senate.

SIR: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, have carefully examined and compared

Substitute Senate bill No. 1, being a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4497 and 4500, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, as originally enacted in 1887, relating to furnishing cars for the shipment of freight, and the time within which the same shall be loaded,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 4:30 p. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

GRINNAN, Chairman.

BILLS SIGNED.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

Senate bill No. 160, "An Act to amend Article 642, of the Revised Civil Statutes, and to add thereto Section 57, regarding the purposes for which private corporations may be created."

Senate bill No. 94, "An Act to extend the time within which lands heretofore sold or which may be hereafter sold to the State for taxes, under decree of court, under the provisions of Chapter 42, Laws of 1895, and Chapter 103, Laws of 1897, may be redeemed; providing the manner of such redemption, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Senate bill No. 214, "An Act to authorize the lease of any railroad connecting at the State line, not exceeding thirty miles in length, by any railroad company so connecting with same."

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading, as special order,

Senate bill No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to locate the Court of Criminal

Appeals at Austin; to regulate the appointment of a clerk, bailiff, stenographer and porter, and to provide for the disposition of the property of said court at Tyler and Dallas; being an act to amend Articles 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and to add thereto Articles 73a and 79b, and to repeal Articles 1050 and 1051, of Title XXVII, of Chapter 23, and Articles 1055, 1056, 1057, 1058 and 1059, Chapter 25, Revised Civil Code," action being on engrossment.

By Senator Miller:

"Amend by striking out the enacting clause."

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Lloyd.	Stafford.
McGee.	Terrell.

Nays—9.

Atlee.	Ross.
Burns.	Wayland.
Davidson.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Dibrell.	Linn.
Johnson.	Neal.
Lewis.	Stone.

PAIRED.

Senator James, present, who would vote *yea*, with Senator Turney, absent—excused, who would vote *nay*.

Senator Miller moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—14.

Goss.	Miller.
Gough.	Morriss.
Greer.	Odell.
Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Sebastian.
Lloyd.	Stafford.
McGee.	Terrell.

Nays—10.

Atlee.	Patterson.
Burns.	Ross.
Davidson.	Wayland.
Dibrell.	Yantis.
Kerr.	Yett.

Absent.

Johnson.	Neal.
Lewis.	Stone.
Linn.	

PAIRED.

Senator James, present, who would vote *yea*, with Senator Turney, absent—excused, who would vote *nay*,

(Senator Miller in the chair.)

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Providing for a convention to frame a Constitution for the State of Texas, with favorable majority and adverse minority committee reports.

Senator Odell moved to substitute the minority for the majority committee report.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Atlee.	Morriss.
Dibrell.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Terrell.
Lloyd.	Wayland.
McGee.	Yantis.
Miller.	

Nays—3.

Davidson.	Yett.
Goss.	

Absent.

Burns.	Linn.
Kerr.	Stafford.
Lewis.	Stone.

Absent—Excused.

Turney.

On motion of Senator Ross the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 207, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539 and 2540, of Title XLIX, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to actions of forcible entry and detainer."

The bill was read a second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Yantis the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 142, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit any person from charging or taking from another any rate of interest greater than ten per cent. per annum, and to fix a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a second time (in full at request of Senator Odell), and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Dibrell the regular order of business was suspended to take up, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 260, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal school to be located at San Marcos, in Hays county, Texas, and to be known as the Southwest Texas Normal School."

The bill was read a second time.

By Senator Dibrell:

"Amend the bill by adding the following to Section 1:

"The fact that there is now no normal school in southwest Texas, and persons preparing themselves for teachers are put to great and unnecessary expense in attending the Sam Houston Normal, thereby entailing a great and unnecessary hardship upon the public school system in the southwest part of the State, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.'"

Pending action,

On motion of Senator Davidson, the Senate adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow.

FIFTY-THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Friday, March 24, 1899.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President Pro Tem Stafford in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Lloyd.
Burns.	McGee.
Davidson.	Miller.
Dibrell.	Morriss.
Goss.	Neal.
Gough.	Odell.
Greer.	Patterson.
Grinnan.	Potter.
Hanger.	Ross.
James.	Sebastian.
Johnson.	Stafford.
Kerr.	Terrell.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn.	Yett.

Absent.

Stone.	Wayland.
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Absent—Excused.

Turney.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Denison.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,